

TOWN OF GRANBY

INLAND WETLANDS AND WATERCOURSES COMMISSION

MINUTES

September 14, 2011

PRESENT: Chairman David Tolli, Neil Kraner, Aurelle Locke, Deb Sheahan, Craig Perry, Wayne Cahoon and David Askew.

Chairman Tolli called the meeting to order and confirmed a quorum at 7:02 p.m.

MINUTES

The last recorded meeting was July 13, 2011. The minutes will be approved at the next meeting.

VIOLATION

2. 44 Silver Brook

The Wetland Agent made the final inspection of the property on Friday, September 9, 2011. Mr. Askew shared photos of the work completed and reports that the area survived Hurricane Irene. The area is now stabilized.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Perry, seconded by Mr. Kraner, the commission removes the violation because the situation has been resolved to the satisfaction of the commission. (Unanimous)

APPLICATION

3a. 240 Case Street, dam

Mr. Askew reports that work has been done; trees have been removed along the berm. The application has been submitted as requested. It includes a letter from Tom Grimaldi, engineer for the project, which itemizes the details of the proposed work.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Kraner, seconded by Ms. Locke, the commission issues the permit to allow the process of remediation on the condition that it is done following the details outlined in the letter from Tom Grimaldi and following the conditions laid out at the July 14, 2011 meeting. (Conditions of approval were outlined as: 1) work is to be supervised by a licensed engineer; 2) a report is to be submitted to the Inland Wetlands and Watercourses Commission every two weeks, along with an inspection report, and noting the progress; and 3) a deadline of September 30, 2011 has been determined.) This is to stabilize the problem in the most practical way. (Unanimous)

3b. McLean Bridge repair

The bridge suffered damage due to Hurricane Irene. Trees were washed downstream creating an increased velocity of water flow beneath the bridge. Water levels remain too high to be able to see the extent of damage beneath the bridge. Repairs require placing concrete blocks in front of the downstream side supports to add poured concrete behind to stabilize the bridge supports. The required work should be able to be completed from the parking lot side of the stream.

REQUEST FOR REVIEW

4a. 20 Thronebrook, garage

Mr. Eric Brown appeared to describe the plan to add a detached two-car garage. Placement of the proposed garage is based upon the most feasible and practical location that allows emergency and/or maintenance vehicles access to the rear of the property. Mr. Brown is willing to create a berm and landscape features to keep the intermittent stream separate and protected.

Mr. Askew shared the original site map with the commission showing that the proposed garage would be placed in the designated wetland.

Since the proposed activity is in the wetland, an application is required. Commission members asked for permission to visit the site for review. Mr. Brown agrees. The applicant is encouraged to submit as detailed an application as possible.

ANY OTHER PROPER BUSINESS

ON A MOTION by Mr. Perry, seconded by Ms. Locke, the commission unanimously agrees to add the following item to the agenda:

Request for Review

160 Granville Road, repairs

The property owner let notches in his dam out to inspect the area after Hurricane Irene. The lawn suffered erosion and the owner would like to add riprap to alleviate the issue. Mr. Askew reports that there are no provisions in the regulations for emergency repair due to extreme conditions. There is little likelihood that this would occur again, although possible future erosion may happen.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Kraner, seconded by Mr. Cahoon, under section 4.1 of the Inland Wetland and Watercourses regulations and under the guidance of the wetland agent the commission will allow a limited amount of riprap to be added for the conservation of soil as a non-regulated use. (Unanimous)

Chairman Tolli reports that the big bridge at Holcomb Farm was nearly lost due to the recent hurricane. Trees and branches washed downstream and collected at the base of the bridge creating pressure. The supports were stressed and bowed. Once the debris was cleared the bridge recovered. There is a tree still in the stream that should be removed once the water levels diminish.

The next regular meeting is October 12, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall meeting room.

ON A MOTION by Mr. Kraner, seconded by Mr. Cahoon, the commission unanimously agreed to end the meeting at 7:52 p.m. (6-0-0)

Respectfully submitted,

Sandra Yost
Recording Secretary